

(b) the number of raids conducted and persons apprehended in connection with the distillation and sale of illicit liquor in Jammu, Kathua, Udhampur and Rajouri districts during the said period;

(c) the measures taken to check the increased consumption of liquor especially the illicit one;

(d) the number of Government and private liquor shops and vends that closed down in Kashmir valley and elsewhere in the State in wake of the eruption of militancy, location-wise; and

(e) whether there is any move to reopen such shops/vends?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) The excise revenue recovered on account of liquor in J and K State during the last three years, region-wise, is as under :

(Rupees in lakhs)

	Jammu	Kashmir	Total
1993-94	5010.48	1093.78	6104.26
1994-95	6137.12	1275.27	7412.39
1995-96	8187.02	1320.93	9507.95

(b) The number of raids conducted and persons apprehended in connection with the distillation and sale of illicit liquor in Jammu, Udhampur, Kathua and Rajouri districts is as under :

	Raids conducted	Persons apprehended
1993-94	1200	498
1994-95	1164	555
1995-96	1301	513

(c) To check the menace of illicit distillation, the Excise Department/Police Agency in the State are constantly keeping a close watch over the illicit distillation by conducting extensive raids. As soon as any information is received from any quarter, prompt action is taken by deputing special eradication parties under the supervision of Inspectors/concerned Range Excise and Taxation Officers to apprehend the culprits.

Even in respect of the existing licencees, the State Government has adopted a restrictive policy by raising the licence fee upto ten times in the case of retail vends located in Towns and Notified areas as also two times in the case of vends located in other areas.

(d) District-wise information is given in the enclosed Statement.

(e) The Government and private liquor shops/vends got closed down in Kashmir Valley due to eruption of

militancy during the year 1989-90. None of the licencees has come forward nor made any representation for re-opening his shop in Kashmir Valley. Hence the question of making any move to re-open the shops does not arise.

#### STATEMENT

Number of Government shops and C.L. Vends Closed due to the Eruption of Militancy

Name of the District	No. of IMFL Vends	C.L. Vends	Hotel with Bar	Bar with Restaurant
1. Srinagar	36	4	8	20
2. Anantnag	10	2	4	1
3. Baramulla	5	4	9	2
4. Kupwara	1	1	0	0
5. Leh	0	1	0	0
6. Doda-Banihal	0	1	0	0
Total	52	13	21	23

#### Allotment of Land

1704. SHRI RAMSAGAR : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 3162 on December 18, 1995 regarding "allotment of land" and state :

(a) whether the information has since been collected;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps taken to expedite the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA) : (a) to (c). The National Capital Territory of Delhi had informed this Ministry that One Man Inquiry Committee headed by Shri R.M. Vatsa, IAS (Retd.) was constituted on 16.12.94. No report was submitted by this Committee as the Inquiry Officer had resigned.

No case of sale/transfer has been reported to the authorities. However, there may have been Benami transactions of such land.

As the house sites are allotted at a very nominal lease rent for nine years only and also without realising cost of the land to the weaker sections of the society who do not own any house, by allowing them to transfer or sell these plots, the Government do not want them to be houseless again. Therefore, the permission to sale/transfer is not granted.